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1 message

prescotd@juno.com <prescotd@juno.com> Wed, Jan 22, 2020 at 2:54 PM
To: stockton752@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Bialobrzeski,
After getting over the astonishment of your prolific work and generosity in sharing it, I wanted to ask
1) if, on the attached map from your website, you had a version in which the present major road names were printed, and, if the 18th century lot names were readable when zoomed in (or is a more powerful photo reader required).
Specifically, i'm trying to track Drinkwater to/from Prescott Corner and just where lot 314 (which I can make out) sits in relation to its surroundings....and 178 Drinkwater in particular.

2) I've been doing extensive research on an ancestor, James Prescott of 17th century Hampton, whose farm, Applecrest, still exists, and was trying to find it on that map. Might you have an overlay with the original lots for that location too?

Many thanks for your consideration of this request, and, thank you again for your extensive body of work; I've used the your on-line Hampton Town Records extensively.

Sincerely,
Douglas Prescott
New York City

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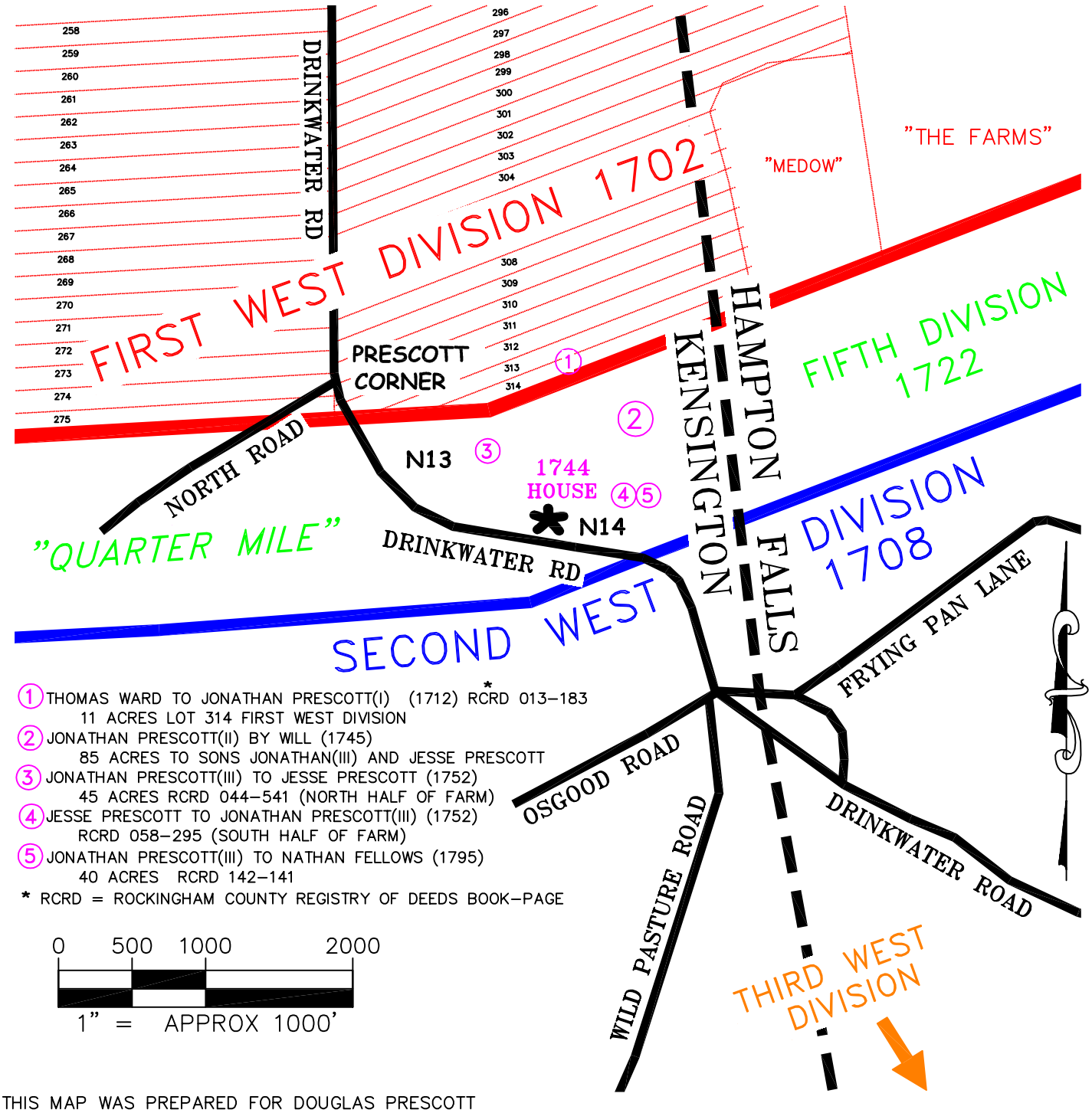


① THOMAS WARD TO JONATHAN PRESCOTT(I) (1712) RCRD 013–183
11 ACRES LOT 314 FIRST WEST DIVISION

② JONATHAN PRESCOTT(II) BY WILL (1745)
85 ACRES TO SONS JONATHAN(III) AND JESSE PRESCOTT

③ JONATHAN PRESCOTT(III) TO JESSE PRESCOTT (1752)
45 ACRES RCRD 044–541 (NORTH HALF OF FARM)

④ JESSE PRESCOTT TO JONATHAN PRESCOTT(III) (1752)
RCRD 058–295 (SOUTH HALF OF FARM)

⑤ JONATHAN PRESCOTT(III) TO NATHAN FELLOWS (1795)
40 ACRES RCRD 142–141

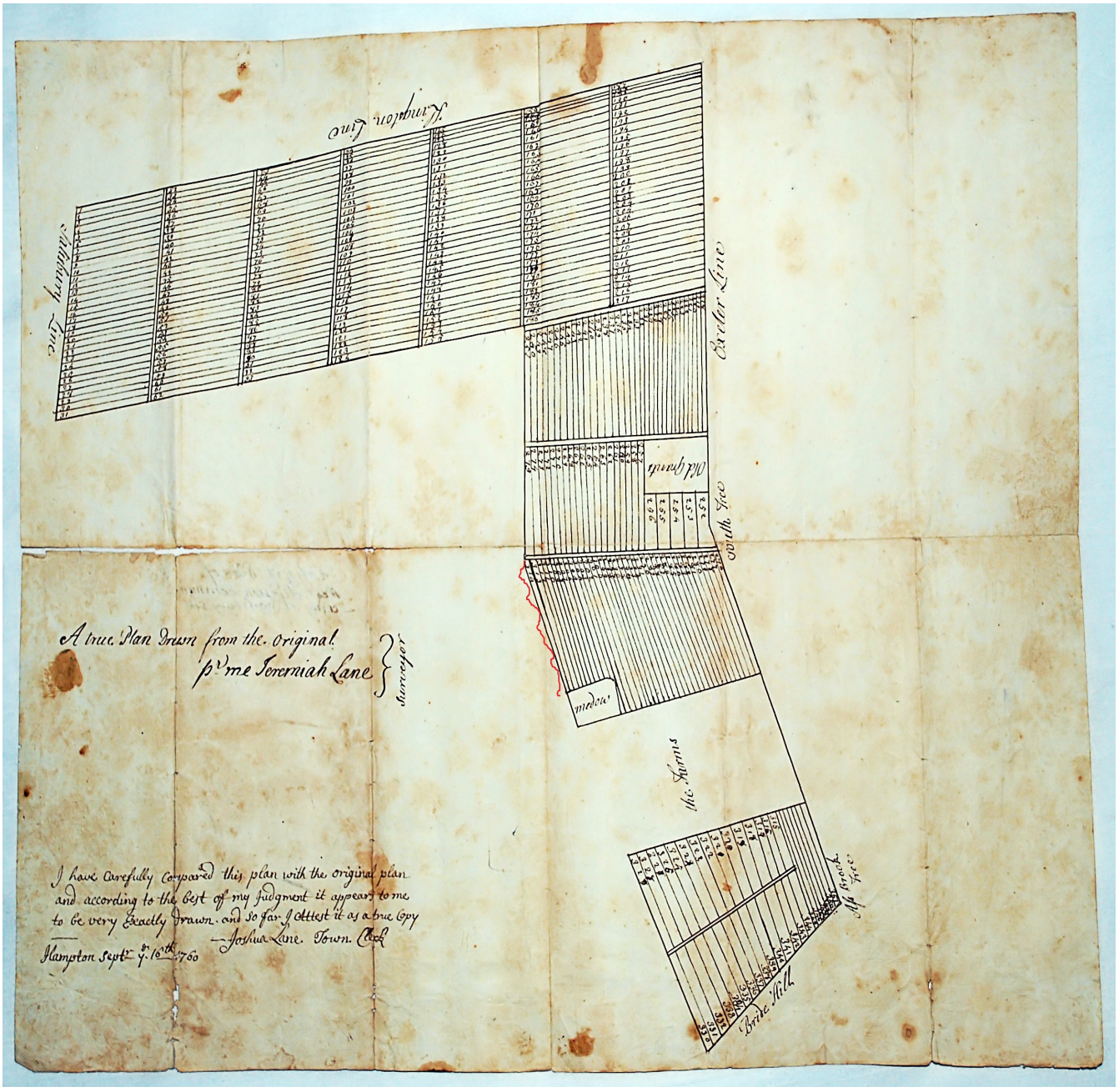
* RCRD = ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS BOOK–PAGE

THIS MAP WAS PREPARED FOR DOUGLAS PRESCOTT BY A.W. BIALOBRZESKI, NHLLS #752. PLEASE VISIT HER INTERNET ARCHIVE RESEARCH COLLECTION AT: **https://archive.org/details/stockton752**

see separate corrected page 1`

karen, I believe your house is slightly to the left of the red wiggly line of Lot 314 which jonathan bought from ward in 1712

The First West Division of Hampton that becomes Kensington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Joshua Lane. Town. Clerk
Hampton Sept^r y^e 16^th 1760

too much to say, need to discuss!!!! see attached 1857 wall map

PRESCOTT CORNER consists of Prescott Farms at the intersection of these 2 roads (N. Road on the left into the longer Drinkwater). The left map shows N14 which was Capt. Jonathan's 1744 house which was sold by is son Jonathan 3rd in 1795 to a "Fellows" named on the right map, which was then sold with the farm to a Dr. Rounsefell. Jonathan Sr. is believed to have had a house adjacent to that site at the missing "N13", above the N12 (the Wadleigh-Bangs house)

North Rd!

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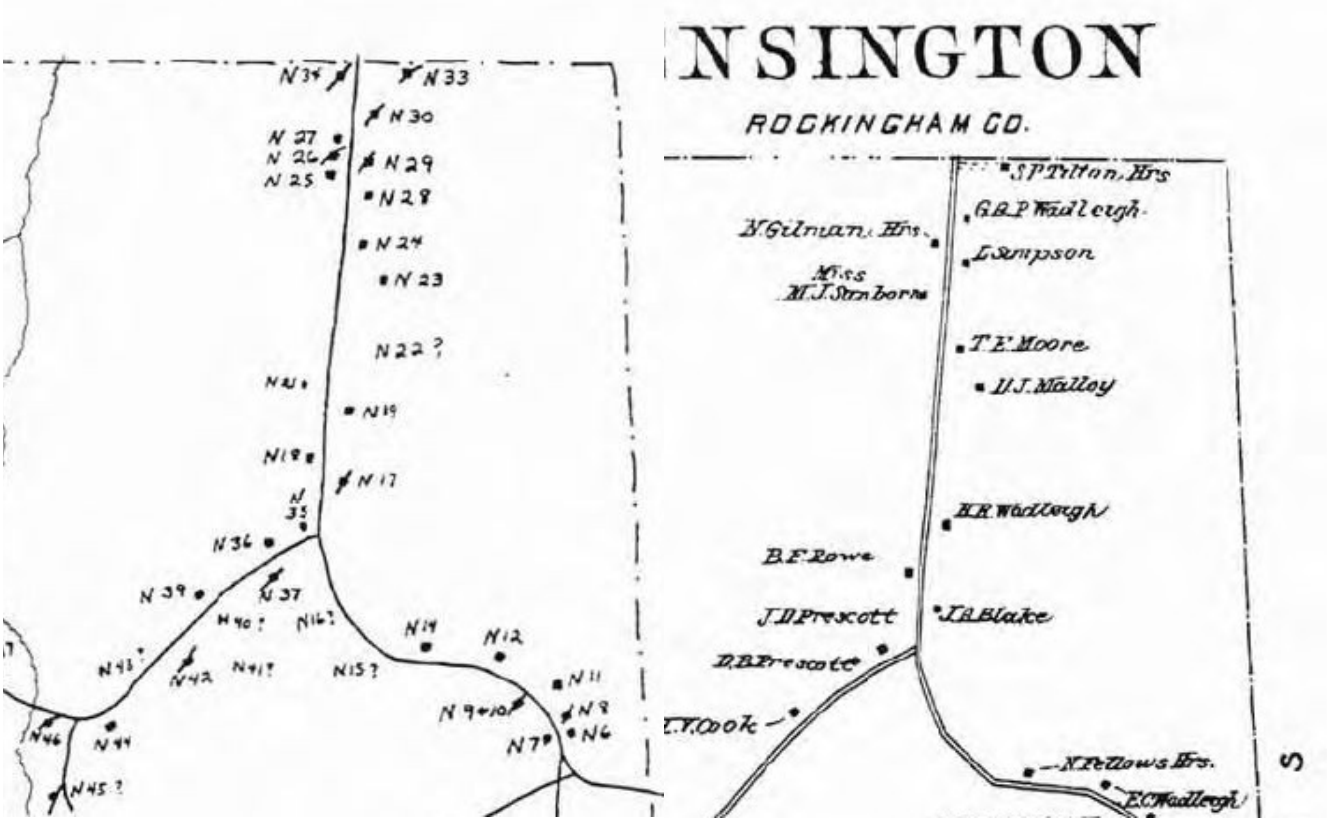

11/12(bangs) wadleigh bought 1741 from Jon 14- jon2 built 1744; land given to him in 1722 by dad?

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(N 13) PRESCOTT **House Gone**

Jonathan Prescott, son of pioneer James, built beyond the home of Mr. Bangs soon after 1708. Later the place was owned by a Jesse Prescott and also a Jesse Tuck.

Jesse Prescott and Jesse Tucke owned on the north end of the farm.
see 106-210 and 044--541

(N 14) PRESCOTT-FELLOWS-ROUNSEFELL "Rolling Ridge"
Dr. Clifford G. and Betsy (Clow) Rounsefell

Capt. Jonathan Prescott, son of Jonathan, built this house in 1744. In 1795 his son Jonathan sold to Nathan Fellows and moved to Gilmanton. Nathan Fellows, Jr., born 1802, inherited the place; he died in 1852 leaving a widow and 11 children. Emma L., the 8th child, married Charles R. Gove and lived here many years. Dr. Rounsefell bought in 1918 and has taken great interest in the farm and has improved to its present condition. The 1744 house was only one end of the present house; the new section was added by Nathan Fellows between 1824-1830.

i.e southeasterly

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and Hampton Falls

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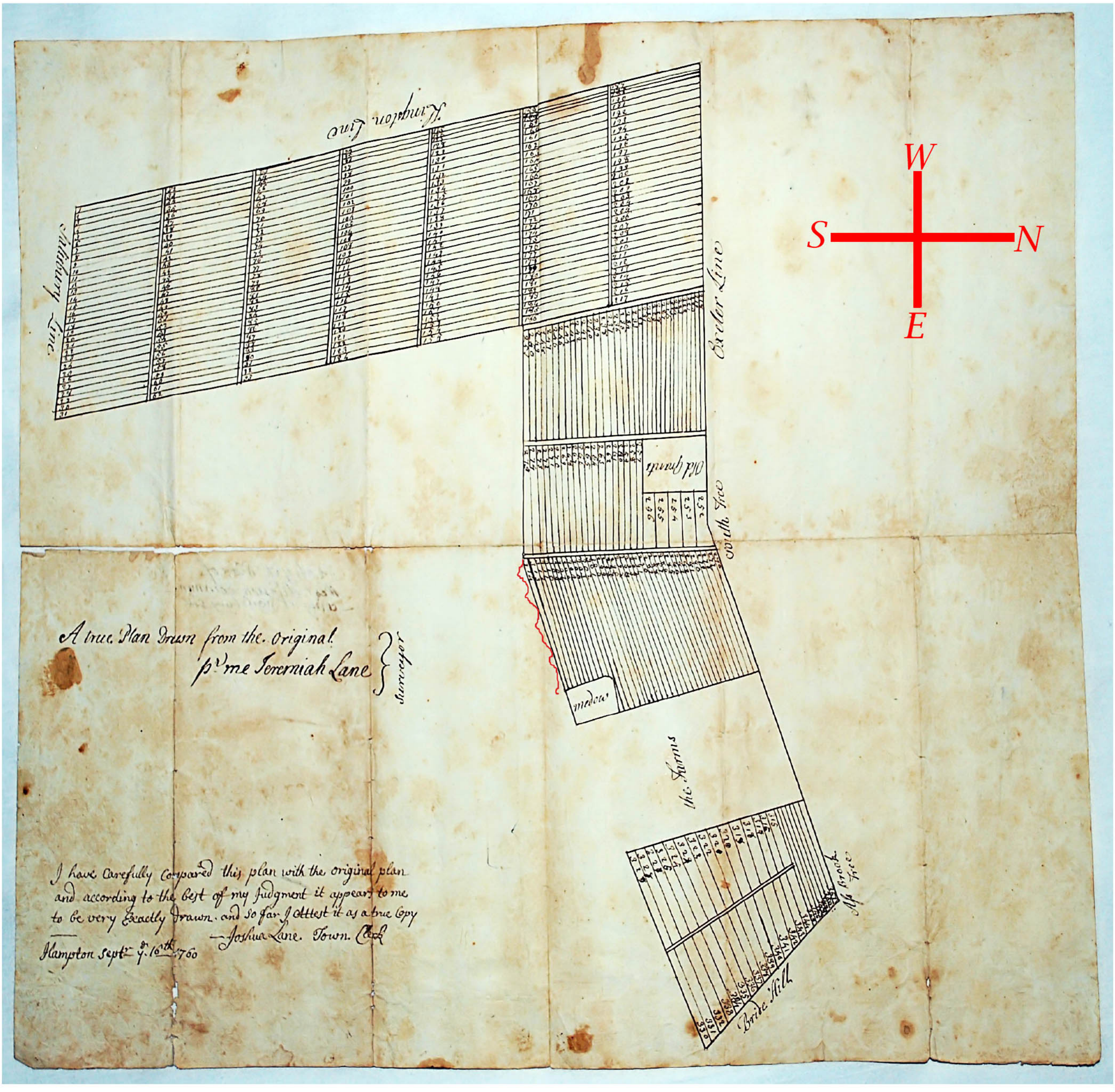
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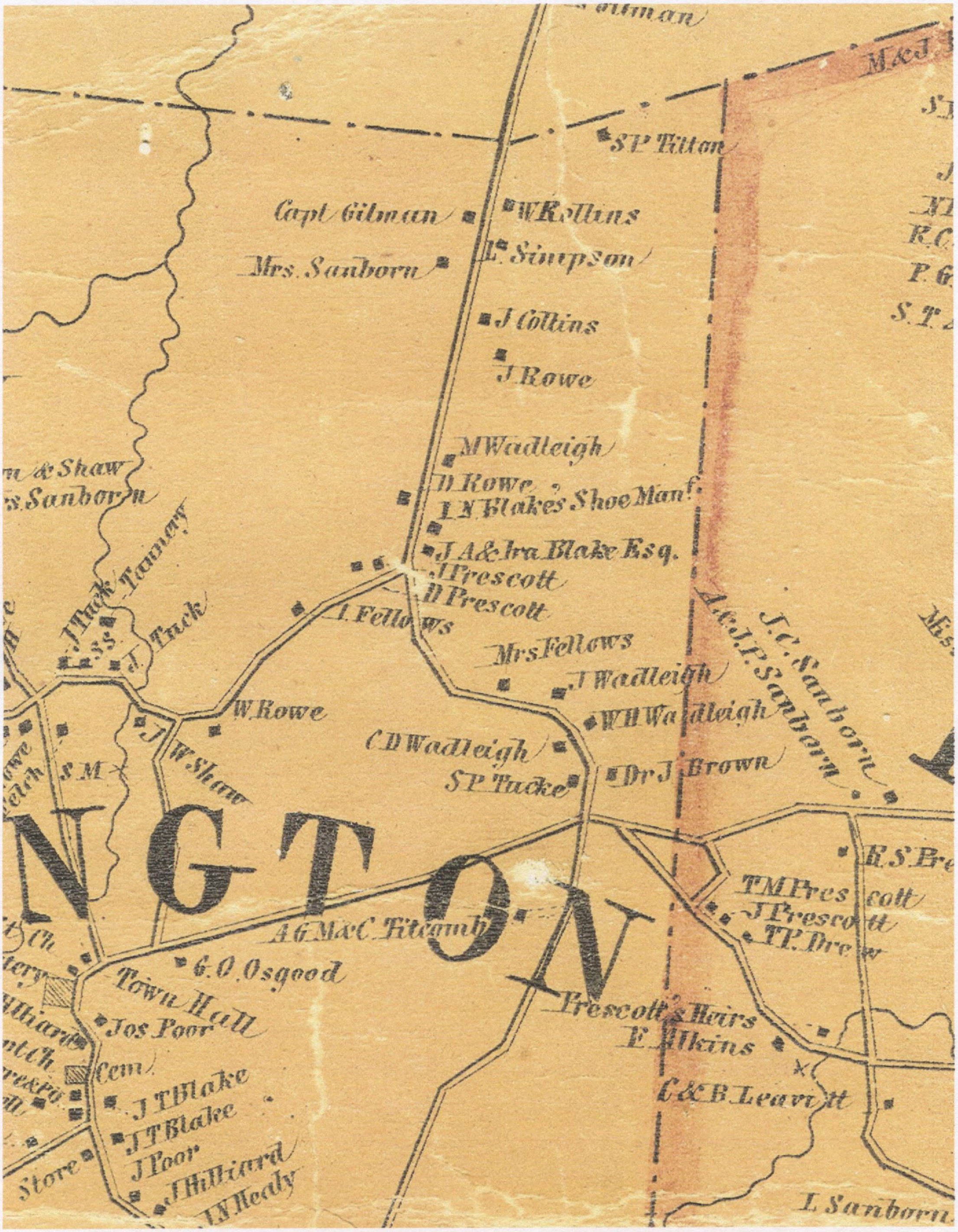
Detail - 1857 Wall Map Rockingham County



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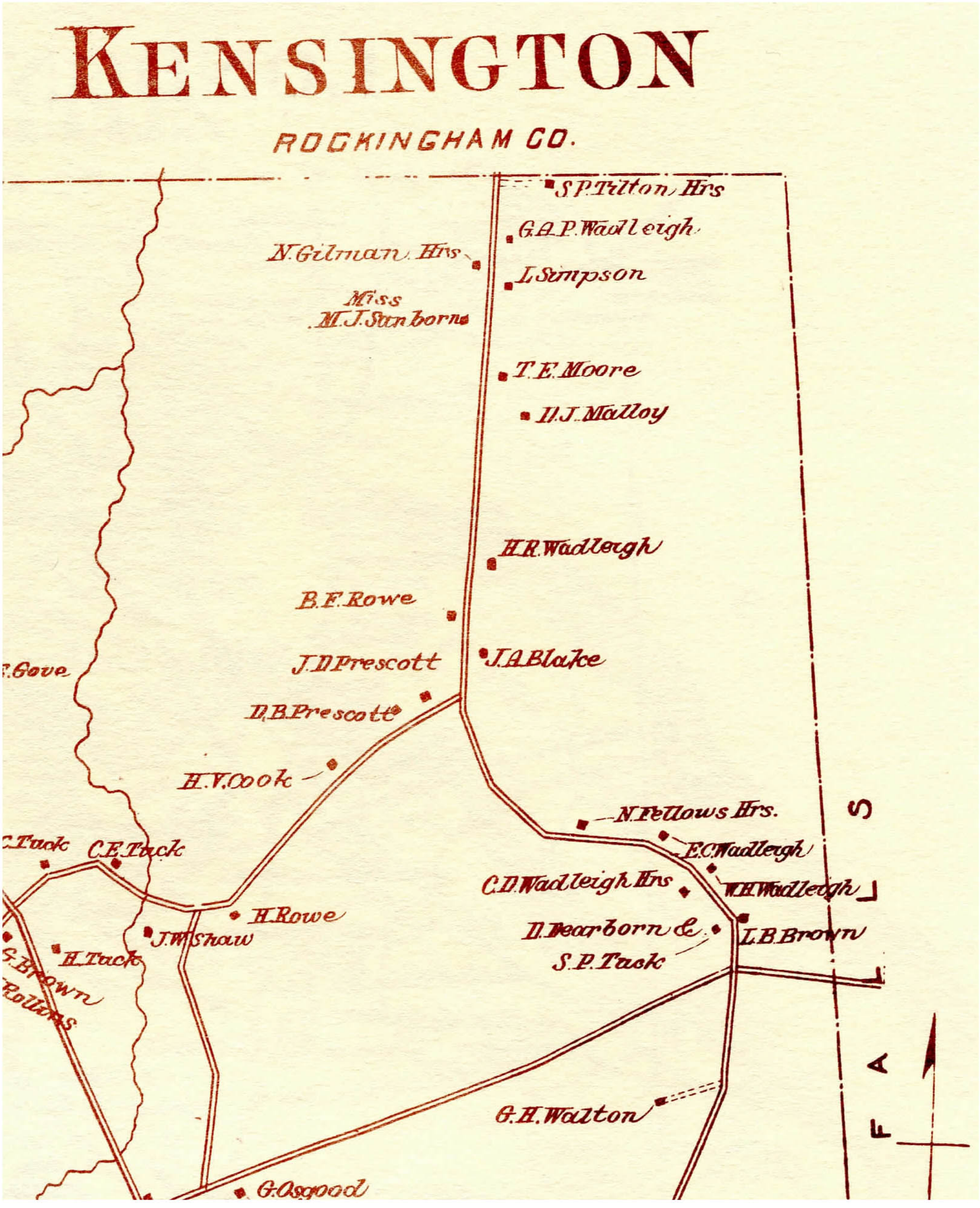


...m pond and ye meadow of Capt. Hussey on ye South, reserving to myself all ye meadow that is now mowable for my use as long as it pleas god to continue my Natural life: and after my decease to goe equally divided betweene my Son Nathaniel, and him to whom I shall afterward leave it: But if it doe more to ye Satisfaction of my Son Nathaniel it shalbe on his request equally divided all the meadow land; that is to say, the low aforesaid meadow land all along by ye millbrook above said, from Tolls land above said to Capt. Husseys as abovesaid, the Nature and quality of ye land considered; which half, so bounded out, shall immidiately goe my said Son Nathaniels, together with ye rest of ye land above said, to him, his heirs, and assigns forever: But it is to bee understood that I am to have ye use of that meadow, that is already now mowable during my Natural life, as aboves'd notwithstanding it be divided, if it be requested, by my son as above said: And it is to bee understood if any of my Meadow happen to bye against my Son Nathaniels upland, I do reserve to my selfe liberty thereon, to stack and fetch away my hay as I shall have occasion: Also I give and grant to my Son Nathaniel liberty of a high way for his use and conveniency from ye high way that goes along by my house to ye Town, my son Nathaniel is to have his said high way thro my land to his land above mentioned, which I have and do hereby make sure to him; also I give and grant, and hereby make sure to my Son Nathaniel One acre of land for a conveniency to build on, at ye place where James Prescott formerly built, near my now dwelling house; which said acre of land shalbe to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his own body, but not to sell the said acre of land to any other whomsoever. Also I give to my Son Nathaniel on behalfe ~~of~~ ~~belonging to~~ my said Marsh, that lyeth next to Burch's land, my Son Nathaniel mowing or causing to bee mowed the other half for me yearly, as long as I shall live, and my Son Nathaniel living in Hampton, and able to mowe, if I shall desire him; as also I give to my Son Nathaniel half ye commonage that do now of right belong to mow in ye Town of Hampton: Also I give to my Son Nathaniel, half of fourteen acres of land lying on ye North side of ye way, and that part of the lieth along by the high way; which peice of land lyeth between ye deep run, and the Mill run; all those peices of lands and commonages, with all priviledges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, I do give, grant and confirm to my Son Nathaniel; To have and to hold to him his heirs, Executrs and assigns forever, with ye considerations herein Expressed; In confirmation of all above written I do hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth of October In ye year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and Eighty five.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
In ye presence of us
Witness — John Tucke
Benja C Seavey
his mark.

Nath: Boulter (seal)

John Tucke and Benjn Seavey personally appeared before mee and did make oath to ye above written Deed.
attest. Henry Greene Just. P.

Feb'r 21th 1702 3
Entred and Recorded according to the Original Deed.
Sam: Penhallow Record.

Prov. Hampshire ss. March 20. 1703. Benj. Seavey aged about 18 yeares and John Tucke aged about 19 yeares testified and said that they saw Nath. Boulter sign seal and deliver the within written Deed as his free act and deed and heard him declare the same was his intent and meaning in the premises. Sam. Penhallow Just. Pac.

Prov. Hampshire ss. March 20. 1703. Then John Tucke and Benja Seavey personally appeared before me the subscriber one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for said Province and made oath that they saw Nath. Boulter sign seal and deliver the within written Deed as his free act and deed and heard him declare the same was his intent and meaning in the premises. Sam. Penhallow Just. Pac.

SAMUEL LANGDON 1725 PORTSMOUTH

[Administration on the estate of Samuel Langdon of Portsmouth granted to his widow, Hannah Langdon, Dec. 23, 1725.]
[Probate Records, vol. 10, p. 459.]

[Bond, in blank, Dec. 20, 1725, signed by Hannah Langdon, Hezekiah Jenness, and John Jenness; witnesses, Thomas Jenness and Elizabeth Jenness.]

[Warrant, Dec. 23, 1725, authorizing Capt. George Walker of Portsmouth and Capt. Jabez Dow of Hampton to appraise the estate.]

[Inventory, signed by George Walker and Jabez Dow; amount, £479.11.0; attested March 2, 1725/6].

SAMUEL TILTON 1725/6 HAMPTON

An Agreement Made & Concluded this twenty first Day of January in the year of Our Lord Seventeen hundred & twenty five or twenty Six and in the twelfe year of King Georges Reign Over Grate Brittain &c Between Samuell Tilton Abigell Tilton Meribah & Josiah Tilton all of Hampton in the Province of Newhampshire in New England, all Children of Samuell Tilton Late of Said Hampton Deceast—Whereas thair Said father Died Intestate Without any Written Will or testament for the Disposall of his Estate & thair Mother Paying All Debts & Demands & brought up Said Children; So that although there Was No Administration granted to her yet the Estate is Left without Imbasellment or Incombrance by Any Debts or Demands And Now thair Mother being Deceast & the afore Named Children being Come to that age that thay are Willing to have Each one thair part Singly by themselves And Wee the Above Named Samuell Abigell Meriba & Josiah Tilton have Mutually agreed for the Devideing of all the goods & Estate that belongs to us which was Our Honoured ffathers aforesaid Deceast—firstly as to all the Moveabls and of

Cretures Wee have Devided to all our Sattisfaction & Each of us have taken our Parts into Our Own Posesion to take Care thereof accordingly——

And Likewise have Devided the Lands & agreed for the house & Medow or Marsh as followeth (Viz) As Samuell Had the Land Where the house Stands given to him by his grandfather he is to have the house barn & all fences or What So Ever that belonged to our father that is upon or belongs to Said houselot and the Lot in the Second West Devision Which ajoynes to Said house Lot and a Lot in the Same Devision Which Our ffather Bought of John Knowls it being the one hundred & Sixteenth Lot in Numbr in Said Devision—and one acre of Marsh that was given to Our Mother by our Granfather Page which Lieth Near the Cassway Caled the Town Cassway & one acre of Land Laid out to the Right of Robert Page together with Sume Land Laid to the Right of Robrt Tuck Now Claimed by Benjamin & Rubin Sanborn the Whole Peice being Bounded Southwest on a Way as May appear by the Return of the Lot Layars All the Peices of Land & Marsh & all the houseing & Premises Lieing & being in hampton aforesaid and be & Remain to Samuell As it is above Exprest—And Abigell & Meribah to have a tract or Peice of Land Laid out to the Origenall Right of Robrt Page in a Place Caled the Quarter of Mile by Estemation Seventeen acres bee the Same More or Less as it is Laid out & bounded Notherly on Land of John Prescut Estrly on a way Southerly & westrly on Land Laid to the Claime of Rubin Sanborn—And Josiah to have Sixty acres of Land Lieing in Kingstown Which our ffather bought of Ichabod Robie of S^{d} Kingstown & a halfe Share of Land in the first West Devision in Hampton Which our father Drew as a birthright Share in S^{d} Hampton And Wee the above Named Samuel Abigall Meribah & Josiah Tilton haveing all Mutually Agreed to the Above Named agreement & Devided to Each & Every one of us our Parts to stand & Remain as a finall Devision & Settlement between us & Each & Every one of us to hould use Occupie & injoy to their own Proper Benifit & behoof their Parts Singly by themselves

Without any Let hindrance or Deniall of any or Eather of us or Our heirs Executor Administrator or assignes or any Manar of Parson in our Names or by our Procurement and in Confirmation of all above Written Wee have hereunto Set to our hands & ffixed our Sealls the Day of the Date above Written—

Signed & Sealed in Presents of us Wittnises
Nath[ll] Weare
Josiah Wester

Samuel Tilton
the Mark of
Abigell X Tilton
the Mark of
Meribah X tilton
Josiah Tilton

[Allowed June 13, 1726.]

JOHN SACHEL 1725/6 STRATHAM

I John Sachel of y[e] Town of Stratham In y[e] Province of N Hampsh[r] Husbandman: Imprimis; being Sick & Weak, but yet Sensible of what I have talk of w[th] my wife in perfect health relating to my Estate real & ℔sonal I give her the S[d] Eleanor Sachel my well beloved wife all my Land my dwelling house & al my Moveables to her own proper use her heirs & assigns for Ever, all Funeral charges paid & y[e] Doctors for my Sickness & all Lawfull Debts whatsoever, & this I Constitute as my Last will & Testament

Moreover I constitute John Sinkler of y[e] S[d] Town & Province Execut[r] of this my Last Will & Testament

his
John X Sachel
mark

Sign'd Seal'd & deliver'd in y[e] Presence of us
George Clark
Thomas Wiggin
his
James X Kenniston
mark

[Proved Feb. 8, 1725/6.]

Tocky, just when you thought it was safe:

-shouldn't the original deeds that are on rockingham deeds website be in-house and available for inspection; afterall, they're photocopies. should i bother asking stacey?
No, the original deeds are returned to the people who recorded them.

-many of these deeds state " signed by and in the seal of"....what is meant by "seal" (thumbprint?) I have no idea, I don't read those parts

- is 3rd WD in any part of Kensington?
- I've seen reference to the "great Ox common" (V7p364); where is that?
East of your locus….broadly the marsh near the coast…
- and where is the "mill brook"?
Could be anywhere….could be just the brook where a specific mill is….

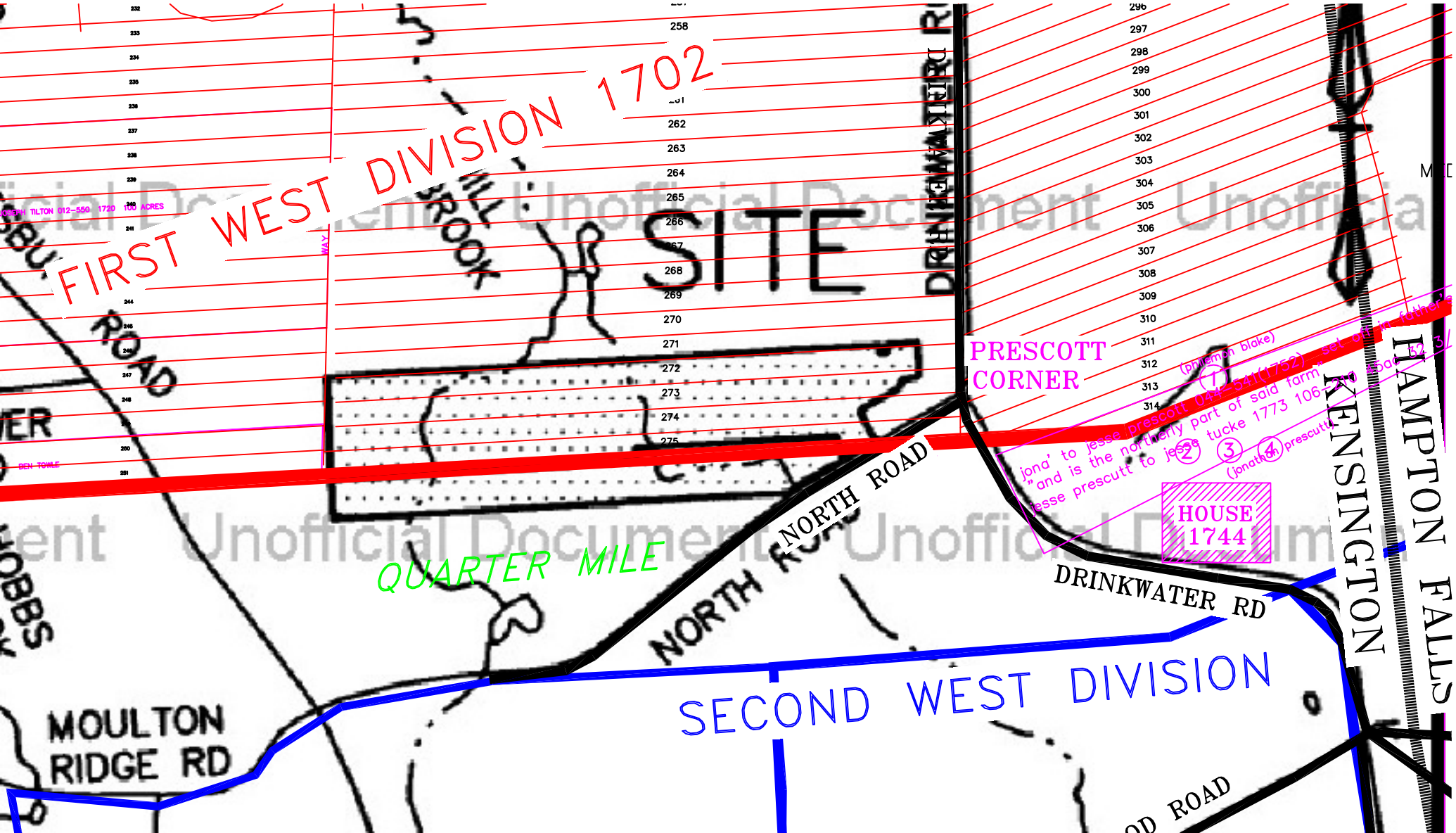
- The attachment is v.6 p.162 (the famous dec.3 1722 pizza party where they all divvied up the 5th). This and the other 5th Division pages reference the inclusion of the "quarter mile"; are there references elsewhere that also puts the "Cow-common" in the 5th or quartermile? And, might that attachment actually be describing prescott corner? The Cow common referred to all the land yet undivided. The quarter mile could be part of the Cow Common but not vice versa. Prescott Corner is not in the Quarter Mile according to my map, and the narrative does not suggest it either

Grand Finale:
https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS_201802/page/n25/mode/1up
This page had always puzzled me. No page number. No Date. When you told me it was an index, i thought, ah-ha, Tocky is finally wrong as they're *obviously* Lot#s (no 2 are the same). I just re-checked and looked up the "page numbers", and sure enough, you were right, it IS an index.
So, as I reference it in my booklet, i need to date it.
an index does not have a date. It would have been written after all of the pages were filled.

I thought a clue might be the "page 110" mention at the bottom left.
https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS_201802/page/n142/mode/1up
Page 110 has a 1709 on the page, seemingly in the same hand.
Co-incidently, page 110 also has "Boulter" James' father-in-law from whom he could have obtained Applecrest; he did not "obtain" Applecrest. There was no Applecrest. There were a number of smaller pieces that over the centuries came into one ownership and I don't know when that was. there is a reference to "upland" - could that be Applecrest? With your account, can you run a Boulter to Prescott deed query.
There are thousands of "upland" pieces in Rockingham County which have nothing to do with Applecrest. I can do a Boulter grantor query or a Prescott grantee query, but I cannot do a Boulter to Prescott query. However, I did a quick check up to 1750 and did not find any such deed.
This concludes the "Stomp Tocky" movement.

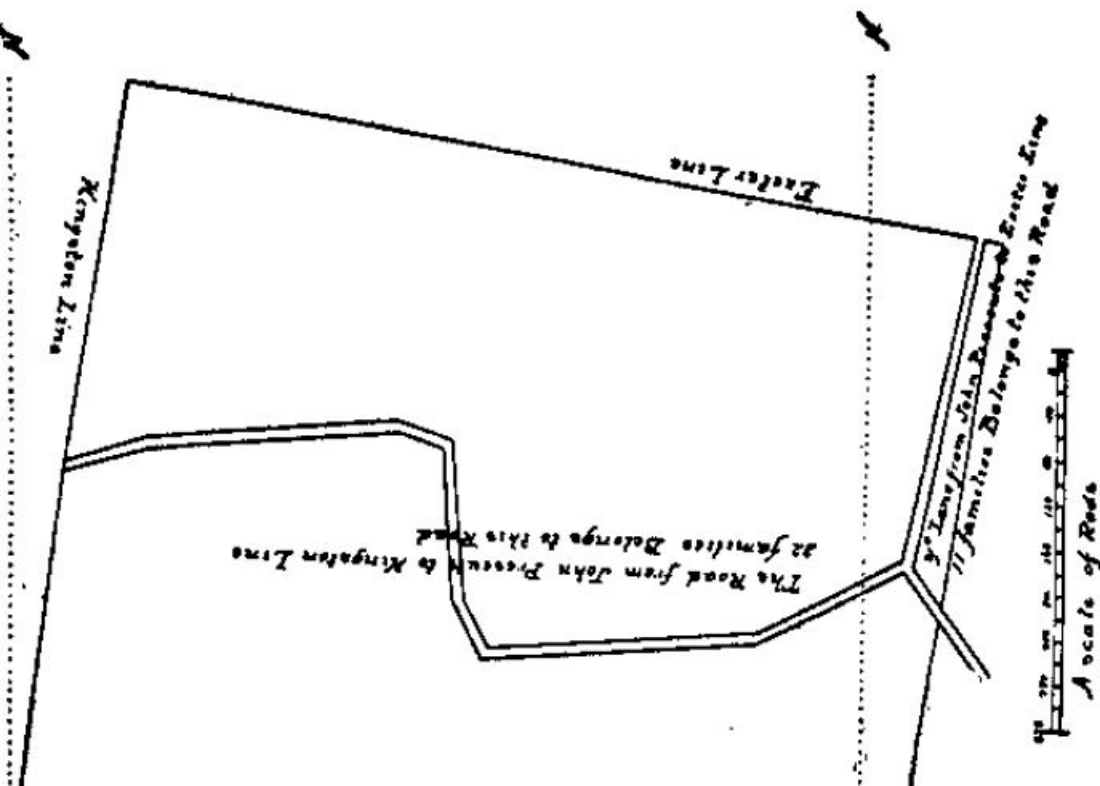
Thanks again for the gift card….

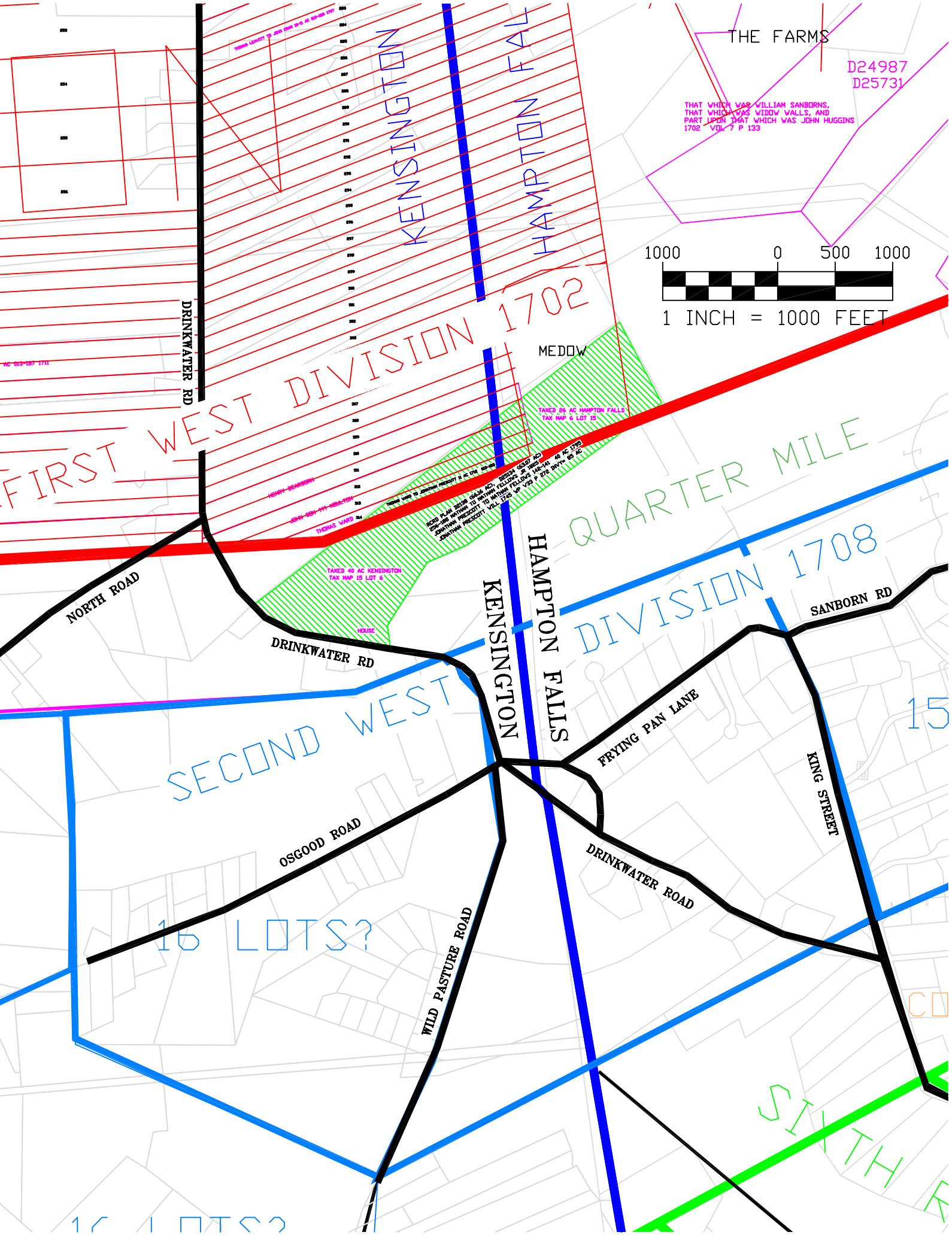
Eric, You probably know all this already, but Doug Prescott sent me some stuff about your conservation easement and I plopped your locus map onto my mapping. Wish I had another lifetime to figure all the Prescott stuff out ..... Tocky



APPENDIX.

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 216.]

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MEDOW
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TAX MAP 6 LOT 19
QUARTER MILE
DIVISION 1708
NORTH ROAD
DRINKWATER RD
TAXED 40 AC KENSINGTON
TAX MAP 15 LOT 6
HOUSE
KENSINGTON
HAMPTON FALLS
SANBORN RD
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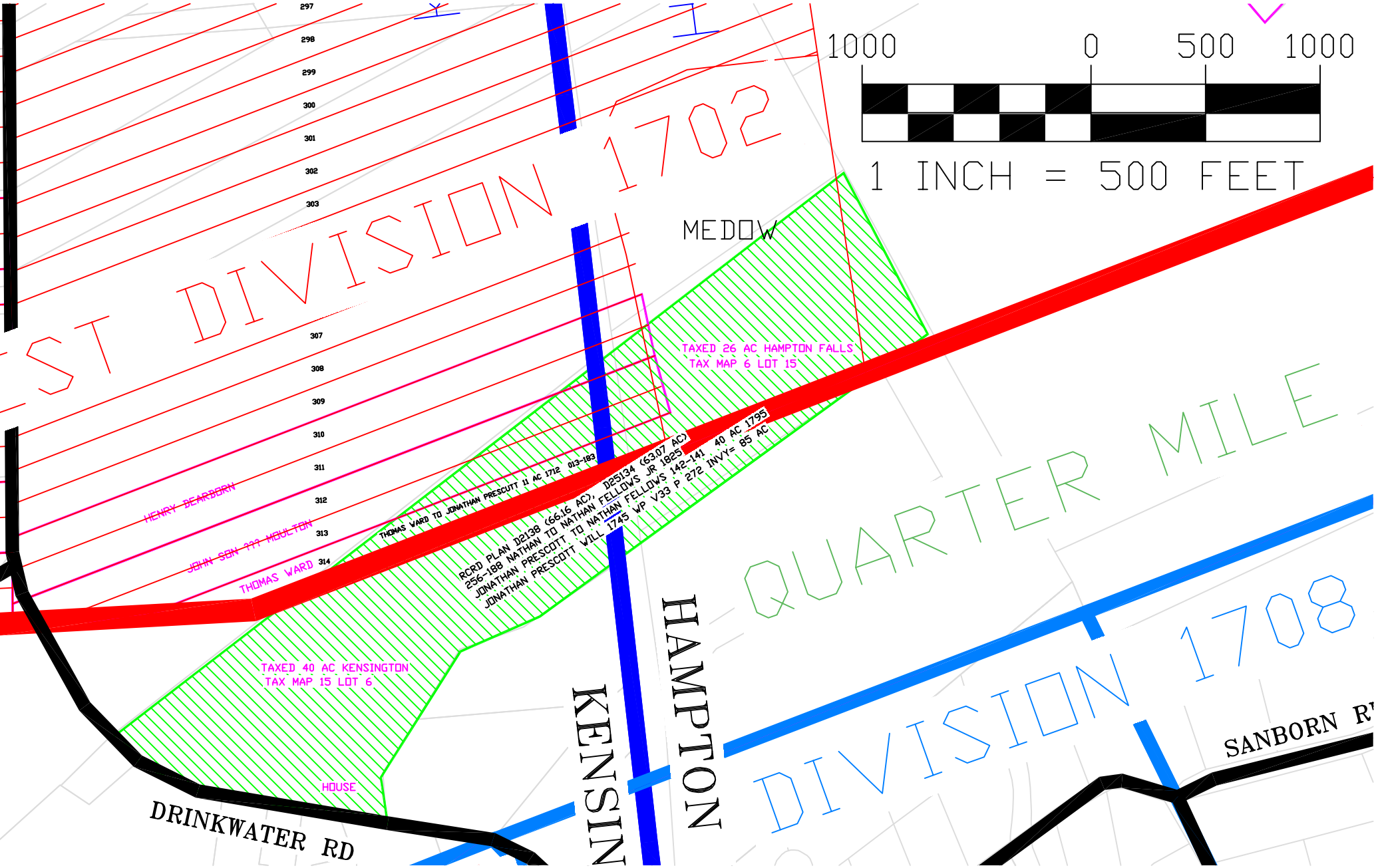
SIXTH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HENRY BEARBORN
JOHN SON ??? MOULTON
THOMAS WARD
THOMAS WARD TO JONATHAN PRESCUTT II AC 1712 013-183
RCRD PLAN D2138 (66.16 AC), D25134 (63.07 AC)
256-188 NATHAN TO NATHAN FELLOWS JR 1825
JONATHAN PRESCOTT TO NATHAN FELLOWS 142-141 40 AC 1795
JONATHAN PRESCOTT WILL 1745 WP V33 P 272 INVY= 85 AC
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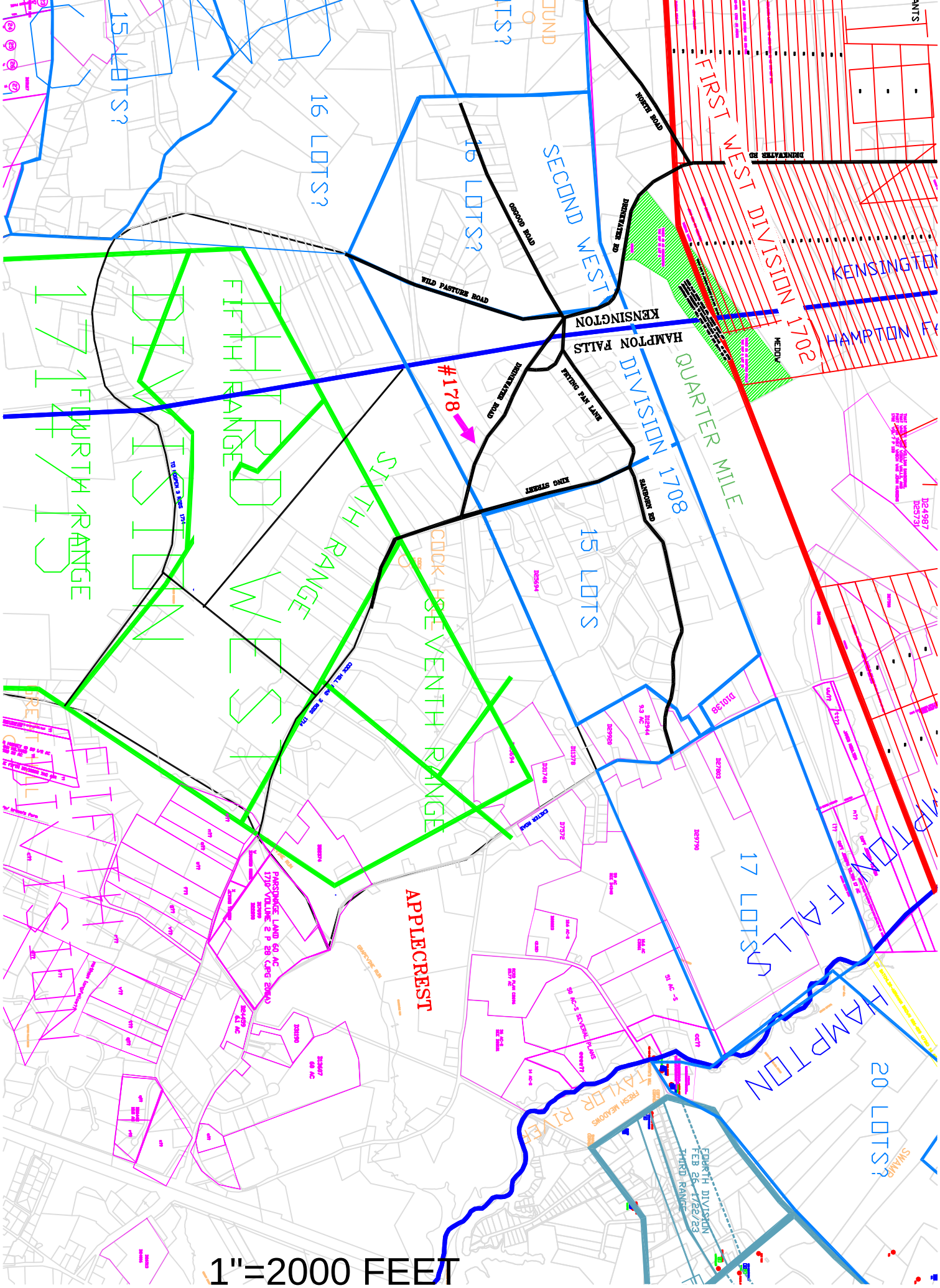
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MEADOW
FIRST WEST DIVISION 1702
SECOND WEST
DIVISION 1708
QUARTER MILE
15 LOTS
16 LOTS?
17 LOTS
20 LOTS?
FIFTH RANGE
SIXTH RANGE
SEVENTH RANGE
APPLECREST
HAMPTON FALLS
TAYLOR RIVER
FRESH MEADOWS
SWAMP
1"=2000 FEET

Humbly Shews Stephen Greenleaff of Boston in the County of Suffolk in the Province of the Mass^{a} Bay Mathematical Instrument maker

That John Banfill late of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampshire Mariner Deceased Some time in July last Saild with Recruits for Louisbourg from Boston afores^{d} but is now Deceased & a Short time before he Saild made his Last Will & Testament Expresly Revoking all other Wills & Testaments by him in any manner before made & appointed Your Remonstrant Sole Executor thereof the Witnesses of which living in Boston he Humbly Conceives it must be proved there and as the s^{d} Testator had Real & Personal Estate in this Province at the time of His Decease if any other Will or Testament should be offerd to be proved here He prays the Same may not be Proved but that the matter may be Suspended until the said Last Will of which he is Exec^{r} can be proved & sent here or an Authenticated Copy thereof to put the matter out of Dispute & he shall Ever pray &c

Jan^{ry} 14th 1745— Stephen Greenleaf

JONATHAN PRESCOTT 1745 KENSINGTON

In the Name of God Amen. This first Day of July Anno Domini 1745. I Jonathan Presscot of the Parish of Kensington in the Province of New Hampshire in New England Gentleman, * * *

Item. I give & bequeath unto Judith my beloved Wife all my Moveables within Doors to her & her Heirs for ever. Also the Improvement of the one Half of all my Real Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton falls during her Widow-Hood, or being my Widow.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son Jonathan Presscot, & unto his Heirs & Assigns for ever; He paying out as hereafter Mentioned, the one Half of all my Lands Marsh & Meadow, or

Real-Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton falls. And he to come into the Possession of that Part which is given to his Mother, at her Day of Marriage, or Death. Also a Sixth Part of a whole Original Right, except the Home Lot, laying in the Township of Chester in s[d] Province.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son Jesse, and unto his Heirs & Assigns for ever, He paying out as hereafter mentioned, the other Half of all my Lands Marsh & Meadow, or real Estate lying in the Parish of Kensington & Hampton falls, & he to come into the Possession of that Part which is given to his Mother, at her Day of Marriage or Death.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my two Sons Nathan Gove, & Micha & unto their Heirs & Assigns for ever, All my Estate in Housings & Lands lying in the Parish of Epping in said Province of New Hampshire, to be equally divided betwixt them.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Sons Jonathan, Jesse, Nathan Gove, & Micha, & unto their Heirs & Assigns for ever, all my Estate or Rights of Land lying in the Township of Gilman-Town in s[d] Province, equally to be divided Amongst them; If either of s[d] Sons should die before he come to the Age of Twenty-one Years, then his Part shall be equally divided to and among my surviving Sons.

Item. My Will is that my Son Jonathan pay One hundred Pounds new Tenor to the Bank of this Province, where I am obliged.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Miriam & her Heirs one hundred Pounds old Tenor, to be paid by my Son Jonathan at her Day of Marriage, or twenty one Years of Age, which shall first happen.

Item. I give unto my Daughter Judith Row Ten Pounds old Tenor, She having receiv'd considerable allready, & to be paid unto her or her Heirs within one Year after my decease by my Son Jesse.

Item. I give unto my Daughter Abigail, & unto her Heirs One hundred Pounds old Tenor, to be paid by my Son Jesse

at her Day of Marriage, or twenty one Years, which shall first happen.

Item. I give unto my Daughters, Elizabeth, Rachel & Jemima, & unto each of them, & unto each of their Heirs One hundred Pounds old Tenor to be paid unto them & each of them, & unto each of their Heirs by my Son Jesse at their particular Day or Days of Marriage or twenty one Years of Age, which shall first happen.

Item. I do hereby constitute & ordain my Wife Judith & my Son Jonathan Presscot Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And I do hereby revoke all & every other Testament & Will heretofore by me named & willed, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I the said Jonathan Presscot have hereunto set my Hand & Seal, the Day & Year above written.

N B where it is said I give to my Daughters Elizabeth, Rachel & Jemima & unto each of them, & unto each of their Heirs One Hundred Pounds old Tenor the meaning is that I give Elizabeth one hundred Pounds old Tenor, & Rachel one Hundr^{d} Pounds old Tenor, & Jemima One hundred Pounds Old Tenor, & if they or either of them die before they come of Age, y^{t} then their hundred Pounds Should be given to their Heirs

furthermore it is my will that if my wife Dies before the young children are capable to maintain themselves that they Shall be brought up out of the half of the Estate which my wife was to have y^{e} Improvement of During her widow hood

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the s^{d} Jonathan Presscot to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us

Jonathan Prescut

Joseph Tilton
Abraham Prescutt
Benjamin Row

[Proved April 30, 1746.]

[Warrant, April 30, 1746, authorizing Meshech Weare and Samuel Prescott, both of Hampton Falls, to appraise the estate.]
[Probate Records, vol. 17, p. 8.]

[Inventory, May 26, 1746; amount, £5045.5.6; signed by Meshech Weare and Samuel Prescott; mentions Jonathan Prescott, father of the deceased.]

[Additional inventory, signed by Samuel Prescott and John Batchelder; amount, £205.12.0; attested June 18, 1747.]

[Account of Jonathan Prescott, Richard Sanborn, and his wife, Judith Sanborn, of the settlement of the estate; receipts, £1125.15.6; expenditures, £855.4.0; allowed July 25, 1753.]

THOMAS ROBINSON 1745 EPPING

The Last will and testament of Thomas Robison of the Parish of Eppin in the province of New hamshire in New England * * *

Item 1) I give unto my well beloved Son John Robison my Dwelling house and out housing and all my Lands theretoo belonging together with all my Cattle he paying what Legacies hereafter mentioned

Item 2) I give unto my daughter Abigail melloon twenty shillings Lawfull money she having received her portion allready to be paid her within one year after my decease

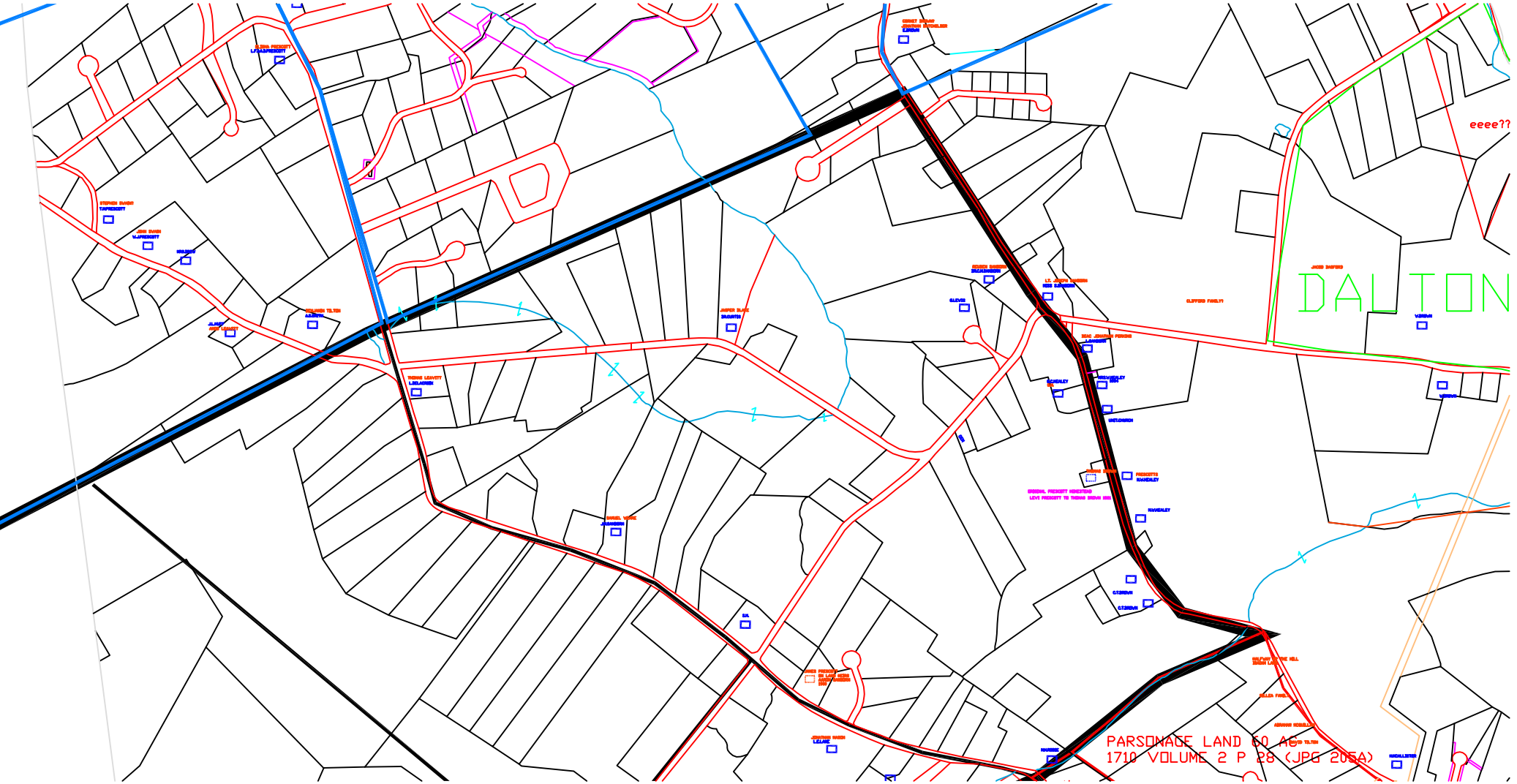
Item 3) I give unto my daughter mary Judkins fifty shillings Lawfull money to be paid within one year after my decease

Item 4) I give unto my daughter Rachel melloon fifty shillings Lawfull money to be paid her within one year after my decease

Item 5) I give unto my daughter Hannah bean fifty shillings Lawfull money to be paid within one year after my decease—

Item 6) I Give unto Elisabeth Robison my daughter my feather bed and all the bedding thereto belonging

finally my will is that my well beloved Son John Robison pay all the Leagacies abovewritten and I do make and ordain him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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Daniel Prescott House is significant as an early nineteenth-century farmhouse that retains many features of its architectural integrity from its 1814 creation and subsequent modifications, including those by Elaine (Prescott) Kaczmarek that represent a 1990s restoration of the exterior and interior and unification of the buildings and landscape within the setting of Prescott Corner, and for its association with the Prescott Family who have resided in this part of Kensington since the first quarter of the eighteenth century. The setting retains much of its historic features including open fields, stone walls, woodland, and some orchards. The Property contributes to the historic and scenic character of the location and the larger town landscape.

The two-story, two-room-deep farmhouse in the Federal style retains its architectural integrity from its ca. 1814 construction period with some subsequent additions and modifications characteristic of rural farmhouses. The barn/workshop, which dates to ca. 1910, retains its original footprint but was modified in the 1990s with the removal of the at-grade access on the south gable end and adjustment of some of the fenestration on the west elevation. At the same time the 1920s garage was restored.

The buildings are also significant for their association with the Prescott Family who first settled on this property in Kensington by the 1720s. The Daniel Prescott House and outbuildings occupy a portion of what was a large rural property that has been continuously or nearly continuously owned and occupied by multiple generations of the Prescott family. The farmhouse and associated outbuildings offer architectural evidence of that nearly continuous association with the Prescott family since the nineteenth century and multiple generations of family habitation and stewardship. Because several century ownership and occupancy of land in the vicinity of the intersection of North and Drinkwater roads by multiple generations of the Prescott family, this area has been known historically as Prescott Corner. According to family and local history, by the 1720s three Prescott brothers, Jonathan (born 1675), John (born 1681), and Nathaniel (born 1683), had settled in a part of Hampton (later the parish of Hampton Falls that subsequently became Kensington in 1737) and their descendants have resided in the vicinity of North and Drinkwater roads since that time up to the present day (and farmed the land well into the twentieth century). The Daniel Prescott House has been continuously owned and occupied by Prescott family members, except for a brief period from 1986 to 1993. The setting retains many features of Kensington's historic rural landscape.

The Property is also significant for its association with current owner and Prescott descendant Elaine (Prescott) Kaczmarek who has worked tirelessly to unify the buildings and landscape to signify the history of the many generations of the Prescotts who have resided in the part of Kensington known as Prescott Corner. In concert with a restoration carpenter, changes have been made to the farmhouse and outbuildings to invoke the eighteenth-century period when the Prescotts resided on and farmed the land. Through the crafting of this earlier historic period, a landscape evoking the many generations of Prescotts has been preserved and celebrated. The materials and the aesthetics of the buildings and their inter-relationship to each other and to the open landscape are especially expressive of the Prescott family legacy in this northeast corner of Kensington.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

This property and that immediately to the east historically have been intricately linked and at times been part of the same farm, owned and occupied by different members of the Prescott family and their descendants.[1] The following overview is based predominantly on secondary sources, notably the Kensington town history and Prescott family genealogy, some Prescott family typescripts, and oral history and a limited review of primary sources such as deeds and probates. While some particulars require more in-depth research, nevertheless the Prescott family has a lengthy ownership and stewardship of extensive acreage and multiple houses in the vicinity of the intersection of North and Drinkwater roads in Kensington.

The area where the house is located is one of the earliest settled parts of Kensington, beginning in the early eighteenth century when it was the parish of Hampton Falls within the town of Hampton. According to Roland Sawyer, the twentieth-century town historian:

> The earliest settlement was in the "Drinkwater" section of "North" Road. This "Drinkwater" section was the tract of land which we enter as we come into town from Hampton Falls [at Five Corners]... It was the large tract of low ground called by Hampton people as "Burnt Swamp; and the high ground called by them as "Barren Plain"; it was the site of homsteads[sic] of the Prescott, Blake, Swain, Sanborn, Rowe, Lovering, Wadliegh[sic] families, and a little later of the Crams, Lanes, Longfellows, Healeys, Haskell, Green and Fellows families.[2]

Local history and family sources suggest that by the 1720s Nathaniel Prescott (1683-1771), the youngest of the three Prescott brothers to settle in Kensington, and his first wife Ann Marston had settled on the land that now includes the ca. 1814 Daniel Prescott House and later outbuildings.[3] Deeds variously identify Nathaniel as a house carpenter, mill wright, and farmer.

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[1] Family history suggests the land remained continuously in Prescott family hands. A cursory review of the deed and probate records does not document how the land was transferred from Nathaniel Prescott to Samuel Prescott, however. The will of Nathaniel Prescott, as discussed below, does not convey the land to Samuel and at the present time the documents do not clearly illustrate how the land was conveyed to Samuel. Copies of some deeds still in family hands (that were recorded) suggest some of the land may have come from Samuel's father Ebenezer and other portions may be land that Nathaniel sold to the Fellows family and Samuel then reacquired in the 1770s. In particular see Ebenezer Prescott's Inventory (which lists a nineteen and one-half-acre parcel in Kensington that Samuel and his brother James split between themselves); Book 58, Page 552; and Book 96, Page 509. A thorough examination of the deed, probate, and town records for Hampton, Hampton Falls, and Kensington, which is beyond the scope of this document, is encouraged at a future date to hopefully clarify this question.

[2] Roland Douglas Sawyer Papers, 1707-1975, MC 148, Milne Special Collections and Archives, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, Box 78, Folder 8.

[3] One of Roland Sawyer's notebooks in the Sawyer Papers has some general information about the several Prescott men ("a numerous and influential family in Kensington") who were early or original settlers of Kensington. The three brothers, Nathaniel, Jonathan, and John are said to have been present before 1732 in the part of the parish of Hampton Falls that became Kensington.

"Nathaniel here in 1727, had house and James, one of his kin with him."

"Jonathan had his house before 1730 when he traded land with Philemon Blake. John Prescott, Deacon John, was here with house in 1732. All on Drinkwater Road [now North Road], Prescott corner."

In 1714 Nathaniel acquired land in the part of Hampton (then the parish of Hampton Falls) that became Kensington.[4] Tax lists indicate Nathaniel did not settle the land until the 1720s. In 1726 Nathaniel Prescott was assessed two polls (indicating two adult males in the household) and for two houses and nine acres of land.[5] He was assessed or taxed for two oxen and one horse but no cows or hogs. A 1728 deed between Nathaniel and his older brother John settles a dispute about the dividing line between their adjoining properties.[6]

In the 1760s several changes seem to have occurred in Nathaniel's life. In 1760, he sold an approximately forty-acre parcel "with my house & barn standing on s'd land & ye mill" to Jeremiah Fellows.[7] By the early 1760s Ann had apparently died and Nathaniel seems to have remarried. In 1764 he purchased an approximately 4.5-acre parcel with a dwelling house and barn from Jonathan Swain.[8] In his will, dated 1 May 1764, he identifies his wife as Abigail and bequeaths to her the tract of land with buildings which he had purchased of Jonathan Swain, but also any other real estate that may be found. No other person is named in the will or bequeathed any of his land. By the time the will was proved in September 1771 (about seven months after Nathaniel's death) Nathaniel's widow Abigail had evidently remarried, to Benjamin James of Kensington.[9]

"In 1737, when the town was set off, Benjamin and James, sons of Deacon John were living on a large tract running thru from Red Oak Ridge [now Moulton Ridge Road] to the present York road, and with them was abrham[sic], another son of Deacon John, while a fourth[sic] son, Nathaniel, 22 yrs of age was at Drinkwater, probably living with his uncle Nathaniel, who had no children, and James who was with him at one time had died in 1735, being the first adult buried in the Cemetery near the Meeting House" (Sawyer Papers, Box 193, Folder 26). The source for Sawyer's assertion that at times several nephews resided with Nathaniel has not been located at this time.

[4] Rockingham County Deeds (RCD), Book 11, Page 65; Book 11, Page 63, Book 24, Page 242; Book 15, Page 28; Book 14, Page 247; Sawyer Papers, Box 78, Folder 1; Box 79, Folder 24.

[5] Warren Brown, *History of the town of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, From the time of the First Settlement within its Borders, 1640-1900* (Manchester, NH: John B. Clarke Company, 1900), 293; Sawyer Papers, Box 78, Folder 1.

[6] RCD Book 24, Page 242. In his papers, Roland Sawyer indicates "The Original Nathaniel Prescott place was on a lane called PRESCOTT LANE, ran back from the road, either entereing[sic] from the Exeter Lane side or the Kingston Road side [North Road], near the corner" (Sawyer Papers, Box 193, Folder 26). Elsewhere in his papers, Sawyer indicates (though without providing the source) that Deacon John Prescott erected a house "between the present house [the 1880 house] and the corner soon after 1708…" He indicates that Nathaniel Prescott's house "was rather north than west of John's house and they seem to have used one barn. He [Nathaniel] never had children but brought up 3 nephews, 2 sons of Ebenezer and one son of John, vix[sic] Ebenezer and James, and Nathaniel. Ebenezer went back to Hampton Falls, James died in 1734 or 1735 and is the first adult buried in the old graveyard. Nathaniel [the nephew] moved to Exeter" (Sawyer Papers, Box 78, Folder 9).

[7] RCD Book 58, Page 552. The parcel is bounded on the south and the east by unnamed roads, suggesting a location near the corner of North and Drinkwater roads.

[8] RCD Book 69, Page 45. This property is bounded on the north by Drinkwater Road, which was the name not only for the current roadway with that name but also North Road. The parcel is in the "Burnt Swamp" area of Kensington.

[9] Abigail James and her husband Benjamin provided the surety for the probate. A marriage record exists in the Kensington town records naming Abigail Prescott marrying Benjamin James, a widower, in June 1771. No further information on Abigail has been located.

Local and family history indicates that in the early 1770s, a grandnephew of Nathaniel, Lt. Col. Samuel Prescott (1729-1797) of Hampton Falls received the property and built a new house.[10] The house is said to have been a two-story, side-gable roofed building, likely with a center chimney that faced south onto North Road. In 1771 Samuel also purchased two pieces of land along the north side of North Road totaling approximately 73 acres with buildings that may have historically belonged to one of the original Prescott brothers.[11] In 1755-1756 Samuel Prescott had been a Lt. Colonel in the regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Gilman that reinforced Colonial troops at Lake George. Samuel, a farmer, married his first wife Ruth (Smith) in 1753 and the couple had six children, four girls and two boys, born between 1753 and 1764, before her death in 1767. Samuel married three more times, with his last wife Hope (Pike) (1747-1811) surviving him.[12]

With Samuel's death in 1797, the historic Prescott farmlands passed to Robert Prescott (1764-1828), the youngest child of Samuel and Ruth.[13] Like his father, Robert farmed the family lands. Robert was also active in civic affairs, serving in various town and state positions. He was a Selectman in 1801, 1802, and 1804 and the town Moderator in 1818. Also, in that year and again in 1820 he was a representative in the New Hampshire State Legislature. Roland Sawyer found in Volume 2 of the Kensington Town Records that in December the Selectmen approved Robert's request to keep a tavern for "the use of the public for a year."[14] The request was granted again in 1803, 1804, and 1805. The location of the establishment is not specified in the

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[10] Samuel Prescott of Hampton Falls was the son of Ebenezer (1705-1750) and Abigail (Tilton) Prescott of Hampton Falls and grandson of James Prescott (1671-1751), one of Nathaniel's older brothers. There do not appear to be any recorded deeds from an Abigail Prescott or an Abigail James to Samuel Prescott who was the next Prescott to have the land associated with 42 North Road nor do there appear to be any recorded deeds from Nathaniel Prescott to Ebenezer or his son Samuel Prescott. As previously noted, however, Samuel's father Ebenezer did have nineteen and one-half acres of land in Kensington, located in the "Quarter of Mile" division of Kensington. He had acquired it from his father James Jr. (born 1671) in 1744 (RCD Book 30/530). That parcel went to Samuel and his brother James though its location cannot be easily traced as no bounds or abuttors are given in its description.

[11] RCD Book 96, Page 509.

[12] Samuel's widow Hope and his son Robert signed an agreement concerning the real and personal estate of Samuel's as specified in the will, such that Robert was to provide her with foodstuff, livestock, and firewood sufficient for her needs while living in the house. Still in Prescott Family hands, the document was signed 7 November 1798. It was made owing that "difficulties may attend the division of the said Land and Stock" as specified in Samuel's will. Consequently, Hope agreed to give up her right to the stock (except the horse) and also to rent to Robert her half of the real estate for a period of three years, effective the previous 1 May 1798 and ending 1 May 1801. She retained her right in the dwelling house. In return, Robert was to give Hope two good cows and four sheep to be kept at his expense. Robert also was to provide her with winter and summer firewood to be placed at the door for her use. He was to provide sufficient cider, fruit, and sauce produced on the farm and provide her with sixteen bushels of Indian corn, four bushels of rye, eighty pounds of pork, eighty pounds of beef, and eighteen pounds of flax. Hope did ultimately remarry to Ebenezer Tucker of Salisbury, Massachusetts, in 1803.

[13] Samuel Prescott bequeathed one-half of his real estate, upland, marsh, buildings, cellar, neat cattle (oxen or heifers), sheep, swine, husbandry tools, and nearly all of his moveables or furniture, with a few exceptions to his wife Hope. She was to have the use of all as long as she remained a widow. He bequeathed the other half to his only surviving son Robert. When Hope remarried in 1803 her share of her late husband's property passed to Robert. Samuel Prescott Probate, Rockingham County, Old Series No. 6413.

[14] Sawyer, "Material for a history of Kensington in Three Parts."

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